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SUBJECT: DISPOSAL OF NASA EXCESS PROPERTY

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1. IN 1969 NASA ENTERED INTO A COOPERATIVE PROJECT WITH THE GERMAN MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (BMFT) FOR PROJECT HELIOS, A PAIR OF SOLAR PROBE SPACECRAFT FOR RADIATION, PARTICLES AND FIELDS, AND OTHER MEASUREMENTS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SUN.

2. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT AND IS NOW IN AN EXTENDED MISSION PHASE, THE BASIC OBJECTIVES AND SCIENTIFIC SUCCESS CRITERIA HAVING BEEN MET.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROJECT NASA PLACED ON LOAN TO THE GERMAN SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (GSOC) OF THE  
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DEUTSCHE FORSCHUNGS-UND VERSUCHSANSTALT FUER LUFT-UND RAUMFAHRT E.V. (DFVLR) AT OBERPFAFFENHOFEN, GERMANY A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH TRACKING AND DATA ACQUISITION FOR PROJECT HELIOS.

4. THIS EQUIPMENT IS NOW TO BE RETURNED TO NASA, EXCEPT

FOR TWO VR 3600 TAPE RECORDERS AND ASSOCIATED SPARE PARTS.  
IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT NO FURTHER USG REQUIREMENT  
EXISTS FOR THESE.

5. THE SHIPPING COSTS WOULD EXCEED THE SURPLUS SALE  
VALUE FOR THESE ITEMS AND NASA WOULD LIKE TO DONATE  
THEM TO THE DFVLR/GSOC WHERE THEY CAN BE PUT TO GOOD  
USE IN THE GENERAL CONTEXT OF THE GERMAN AND EUROPEAN  
SPACE RESEARCH PROGRAMS WHICH NASA HAS AN INTEREST IN  
ENCOURAGING.

6. PLEASE ADVISE IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES ANY PROBLEMS TO  
NASA'S PROCEEDING WITH PLANS FOR THIS DONATION.  
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